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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In Re Application of:

Ramaswamy, et al.

Group Art Unit: 2834

Serial No.: 09/848,491

Examiner: Joseph Waks

Filed: May 3, 2001

For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR CONTROLLING THE
ENGINE IDLE SPEED IN A HYBRID ELECTRIC VEHICLE

Attorney Docket No.: 200-0294 (FGT 1384 PA)

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AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO
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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

This paper responds to the Office Action in the above-entitled application, mailed June 26, 2002. This response is timely because it is being filed within the one-month time period set for a response.

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REMARKS

Claims 1-16 are currently pending in the above application.

On page two, paragraph one of the Office Action, restriction to one of the two provided inventions is required under 35 U.S.C. §121. Applicants respectfully traverse the Examiner's restriction. However, Applicants provisionally elect the Group I restriction as set forth below for examination at this time:

- I. Claims 1-11, 13, 15 and 16 drawn to a method of controlling an engine within a hybrid vehicle in response of engine and generator conditions, classified in class 290, subclass 20C.

The Examiner is invited to telephone the Applicants' undersigned attorney at (248) 223-9500 if any unresolved matters remain.

Respectfully submitted,

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